

## Ocotillo District Weekly Update

**September 11, 2015**

### **Transportation/Light-Rail Presentation Meeting September 17, 2015.**

Councilmember Jamie Aldama is hosting a community meeting for residents living in the Ocotillo District and neighboring residents from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, September 17 at Isaac Imes Elementary School, 6625 N. 56 Ave. in the gymnasium.

Aldama, city staff and representatives from Valley Metro will make a presentation on the high-capacity transit service (light-rail). Councilmember Aldama and Valley Metro representatives will be available to answer questions from residents.

For more information or if you need special accommodations, call 623-930-2249.

### **Valley Metro West Phoenix/Central Glendale High Capacity Transit Study Information**



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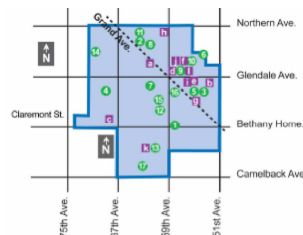
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**Ocotillo District  
Amenities**

## What is the timeline for the West Phoenix/Central Glendale Project?

As you may know, Valley Metro has a study underway to identify transit options to connect downtown Glendale to the light rail system. The project is scheduled for operations in 2026, but critical decisions are being made in the current study to determine a route and type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit). That study will conclude in early 2016 with a vote by the Glendale and Phoenix City Councils. We want to hear from you! To learn more about the project and how you can provide input, visit [valleymetro.org/Glendale](http://valleymetro.org/Glendale).



**Safe Haven Program:**  
**Are you afraid or don't want to keep your baby?**  
**Do you just want someone to give your baby to, keep it safe, and make sure your baby gets a good home?**

**The Glendale City Council Sponsors City-Wide Code Information Meeting.** The Glendale City Council is hosting a city-wide code compliance information meeting for Glendale residents and business owners. The meeting will provide residents and business owners the opportunity to identify potential code violations and to learn how to build or improve their property in compliance with the City of Glendale's building and safety code requirements. All are invited to attend the meeting which will be held at **6:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 16** at the Glendale Main Library Auditorium, **5959 W Brown St., Glendale, AZ 85302**.

The City Council will be joined by Sam McAllen, Development Services Director, and his staff from the Code Enforcement and Building Safety Divisions.

Presentations from city staff will include examples of neighborhood code violations related to property maintenance, abandoned vehicles, garage sales, etc., and explain how to get these violations resolved. Staff will also discuss when and how to get building permits for a variety of home improvement projects which residents may be considering. Staff will be available to privately and confidentially answer questions from residents who may wish to report code violations in their neighborhoods.

For more information, please contact the Glendale City Council Office at 623-930-2250.

**Glendale Releases Arena Compliance Review.** The City of Glendale released today, its final and completed compliance review of the Professional

You have options. Arizona has the **Safe Haven Law** that identifies places where mothers can safely and anonymously give up their babies without fear of prosecution. We have a Safe Haven crisis response team available to assist you with questions, options and resources, 24/7. Call 1-866-707-2229.

If your baby is unharmed, is under 72 hours old and you don't intend to reclaim your baby, you have options! Simply bring your baby to the Safe Haven locations:

## Management Services and Arena Lease Agreement (PMSA).

The review, conducted by the Glendale City Auditor's Office in conjunction with ProEminent Sports, LLC, finds the main issues were administrative in nature and that staff has been working productively with IceArizona to address any outstanding concerns and to ensure processes going forward comply with the amended agreement.

The initial report was dated June 2, 2015. "Recent events including the June 10, 2015 Council action to cancel the PMSA, subsequent negotiations with IceArizona, and the July 24, 2015 Council action to amend the agreement, significantly impacted some of the audit findings", said Glendale Acting City Manager Dick Bowers. "Therefore, we felt it was appropriate for the management responses to reflect the amended agreement."

## **Glendale Celebrates National Library Card Month.**

A library card is the passport to a world of possibilities! September is National Library Card Month, and the Glendale Public Libraries want to spread the word about this little card with a big value.

During National Library Card Month anyone who comes into a Glendale library to apply for a library card can enter a raffle to throw a pie in the face of a teen librarian! The raffle isn't limited to new card holders; those who already have cards can enter by referring a friend.

Walk into a Glendale library and you will discover a variety of resources that meet the unique needs of the community. These days cardholders not only have the key to the traditional resources, books, magazines, DVDS, and CDs; they also have full access to amenities that provide the latest technologies and services: personal computers, Wi-Fi, eBooks, eReaders, databases, video games and Culture Passes. Many of these services are offered online 24 hours a day.

To apply for a card, visit one of the three Glendale libraries: Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., or Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. A picture ID and proof of current address is required to complete the registration process. Children under 14 require a

**Any Hospital  
Any Ambulance  
Any Designated  
Adoption Agency  
On-duty Fire Stations  
Any Designated  
Church**

You must hand your baby to a person at above locations or may place baby in Safe Haven drawer at designated hospitals. Tell them this is a safe haven baby and you may leave. Your baby will be cared for and a good home will be found for the baby.

## [Drop Off Drawer](#)

[Locations](#) Click here for the locations of hospitals with anonymous drop off drawers.

For more information please go to [azsbh2.org/information/](http://azsbh2.org/information/).

## **Alley Clean-Up!**

Alley clean-up work began on September 1<sup>st</sup> on our 23.4 miles of alleys citywide. In the Ocotillo district there are 13.5 miles of alleys, comprising 57% of the alleys within the city. Shrub maintenance, tree trimming, loose trash pick-up, illegal dumping removal, and weed abatement activities are being performed on a quarterly basis.

Maricopa County Adult Probation is also working

parent or guardian present to apply. A Glendale library card is free to all Maricopa County residents.

Learn more about Glendale libraries online at [www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

**Maryland Avenue Multi-Use Pathway Project:**

Construction will begin for this project beginning August 24 - September 14 which will add to the bike lanes and pedestrian walkway from Discovery Park to 67th Avenue by widening the pavement on the north side of Maryland (67th - 69th Ave.) and extend the existing 10' wide concrete walkway in Discovery Park to Discovery Drive (Maryland Avenue).

Westbound Maryland Avenue will be CLOSED between 67th and 69th avenues to accommodate construction in this area. Westbound Maryland Avenue traffic will be detoured via Ocotillo Road and 69th Avenue.

For additional project info visit [glendaleaz.com/improvements](http://glendaleaz.com/improvements). For project questions/info: 602-532-6250.

**Libraries Expand Online Service with New Partnership.** Glendale Public Library announced availability of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums, eBooks, audiobooks and comics via mobile and online access through a new partnership with Hoopla Digital.

Glendale library card holders can now download the free Hoopla Digital mobile app on their Android or IOS device or by visiting [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com). Available content includes thousands of titles - from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers - available to borrow 24/7, for instant streaming or temporary downloading to smartphones, tablets and computers.

"The library is excited to add Hoopla Digital services to our growing electronic resource offerings for our patrons. The selection is varied and downloading is quick," said Glendale's Chief Librarian, Michael Beck.

"With Hoopla Digital, our patrons can enjoy dynamic content from the library on-the-go," said Kathy Curley, Administrative Librarian for Collection Development. "Being digital, there is no waiting period for popular

in our alleys weekly. Their work consists of fielding an 8-10 person crew with a supervisor, working usually on Sundays for 4-5 hours. They collect and pile the large debris and bag the smaller trash. The piles and trash bags are picked up by Right Of Way city crews on Monday mornings.

For any alley concerns, please call 623-930-2656.

titles and Hoopla's automatic return means no late fees."

Hoopla Digital is a service of Midwest Tape, a trusted partner to public libraries for more than 25 years.

## Coming Up

### **A Beary Special Day in Historic Downtown**

**Glendale September 12.** For more than 100 years, teddy bears have been beloved by generations of children and adults, alike. Teddy bear fans can head to Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court on Saturday, September 12 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. to celebrate National Teddy Bear Day.

Have fun with friends, family and your favorite furry bears as you enjoy a day of make-and-take arts and crafts and exclusive deals. Begin at the Glendale Visitor Center and pick up a map and West Valley Information pack (for the first 200 visitors) and take a spin on the prize wheel. Visit boutique stores, specialty shops, and downtown eateries for special offers and discounts. Ollie the Trolley will be cruising through downtown Glendale to offer free rides in the area, including stops at Cerreta Candy Company.

Another highlight will be a special appearance by Al the Bear. This loveable, huggable bear will delight the young and young-at-heart! Be sure to bring a camera to get a picture with this beary special guest!

Additionally, the Visitor Center will be accepting new teddy bears (12-18" in size) to benefit the Glendale Fire Department Trauma Teddy Program, the Glendale Crisis Response Team and local children's charities. Teddy bears will be available for purchase during the event at the Visitor Center for just \$10, to be taken home and loved or donated to the teddy bear drive.

This event is coordinated by the downtown business community and the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB.) For additional information, call the Glendale CVB at 623-930-4500 or log on to [visitglendale.com](http://visitglendale.com)

### **Coffee with a Cop**

Join your neighbors and Police Officer for Coffee and Conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance



to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

For more information call Crime Prevention Specialist Doreen Anderson at 623-695-0440

**September 23, 2015 at 6 p.m.** at Ranch Market located at 6730 W. Camelback Rd.

**Got Drugs? Safely Dispose of Them!** The Glendale Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration are providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical substances and other medications. Controlled, non-controlled and over the counter substances will be accepted on Saturday, **September 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Glendale Adult Center located at 5970 W. Brown Street, North parking lot area.

\*Glass containers, inhalers, intra-venous solutions, injectable and syringes **CANNOT** be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens\*

For more information about this event, contact Officer Jeff Horsley at 623-930-4029 or Officer Andy Lynes at 623-930-2554.

#### **Glendale Police Department Shred Event.**

**Saturday, October 3 from 8 to 11 a.m.** at Target, 10404 N. 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Southwest Parking Lot Area. Four (4) banker boxes limit per household. Due to demand, event may conclude if trucks are full. For further information contact Doreen Anderson, Crime Prevention Specialist at 623-930-4044.

#### **Musical Mystery Tour Glendale Civic Pride**

##### **Ambassadors 2015 Fundraiser -Tickets on Sale**

**Now.** Tickets are now on sale for the second annual *Musical Mystery Tour* fundraiser to be held Saturday evening, October 3, 2015, on the DeVry University Sky Patio, overlooking Westgate and with a spectacular view of the West Valley, presented by the [Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors Foundation](#). The goal of the ***Musical Mystery Tour*** is to raise money for [Upward for Children and Families](#), whose mission it is to "bring joy and hope to the children they serve."

"We are very excited at the community response," said Nancy Lenox, president of the GCPA. "We're

inviting all our friends, neighbors and business partners from throughout the valley to enjoy our second presentation of a wonderful evening of musical entertainment. This year's event is entitled **Sentimental Journey**, featuring the music of the '40s and '50's, with a special tribute to Luke Air Force Base who came to Glendale, Arizona during that period. Proceeds from this event will benefit [Upward for Children and Families](#). KTVK 3TV's Good Morning Arizona Weekend Anchor Jaime Cerreta has graciously agreed to serve as our Master of Ceremonies."

Lenox added, "Among our premier sponsors are the Glendale Convention and Visitor's Bureau, retired Glendale Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Disneyland and Midwestern University. Many other area businesses and individuals are supporting **Musical Mystery Tour** with cash contributions and/or prizes for our drawings. Catering will be provided by Fat Freddy's, one of the valley's most sought-after catering companies. Valet parking will also be available." She added, "Tickets are on sale now at just \$40 each."

The Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors (GCPA) was organized to help promote economic, social and cultural vitality for Glendale and the surrounding area. They also raise funds to help the region's worthwhile charitable organizations through the GCPA Foundation, having donated more than \$300,000 to charity in the past decade.

Upward for Children and Families, a United Way agency, provides special education and therapies, including speech, feeding and swallowing, music, occupational and physical, for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Doug Carter, CEO of Upward, said, "We're so grateful to the GCPA for their generosity. Traditional funding sources are diminishing and we are in the midst of a capital campaign to improve our facilities. We really need their help. The GCPA Foundation has our sincere thanks, and we can't wait to enjoy the show!"

For more information about the 2015 Musical Mystery Tour, visit [www.musicalmysterytour.org](http://www.musicalmysterytour.org), or contact

Nancy Lenox at 602.568.6202 / [nancylenox@cox.net](mailto:nancylenox@cox.net),  
To purchase tickets, call 602.279.5801. Seating is  
limited, so please make your reservations early.

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